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The Right Honorable Jack Straw MP
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am a British citizen, a permanent resident of the United States since 1967. I request intervention and mitigation of damage by consular officials reporting to David Broom, HM Consul, Seattle, Washington, USA. Serious dereliction exists in the Seattle Consulate that allowed my unlawful incarceration in King County Jail, Seattle, Washington, to continue without protest.

British Consulate officials did nothing when I requested them to visit me in jail. Instead, they allegedly colluded with the judge which contributed to further coercion. That resulted in moving me, at age 68, to solitary confinement under appalling conditions which has seriously damaged my health.

Judge James A. Doerty, Washington Superior Court, sentenced me (an accredited journalist) to an indeterminate period in jail using a politically motivated contempt of court citation. He tried to silence me with a draconian and biased decision. He then created a technological catch-22 that made it impossible to purge the alleged contempt.

I had reported elder abuse and misappropriation of government funds involving the wife of a senior judge sitting in the same court as Doerty. Instead of refuting allegations about her wrongdoing she, in company with her directors and administrators, committed multiple perjury and suborned other people with intent to jail me. I followed my conscience and did not bow to their coercion.

Doerty denied due process of law and abrogated constitutional rights. In particular, he denied me: the right to timely notice; the right to prepare a defense; the right to confront accusers; the right to cross-examine witnesses; the right to an attorney; and, the right to an impartial and unbiased hearing all contrary to law. Consular officials effectively condoned his behavior through their neglect "to afford the bearer [of a British passport] such assistance and protection as may be necessary".

I served 111 days (25 days in solitary confinement in the same section as Gary Ridgway, the Green River serial rapist and killer) for publishing constitutionally protected information. The case attracted worldwide interest among journalists when they learned of the decision now on appeal.

The decision impacts upon all journalists one way or another. Consequently, the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ), National Union of Journalists (NUJ), and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), among others, have filed amicus curiae.

See amicus curiae and appellate briefs at <http://contracabal.org/806-31-20.html> and media update at <http://contracabal.org/806-31-60.html>

Both consulate officials and Doerty have denied access to records allegedly to cover up machination and dereliction. Broom has denied the existence of records and Doerty continues to manufacture evidence in attempts to create a felony - a prerequisite for deportation.

I now request that you instruct Broom immediately to release copies of all documents that I requested in my letter PT-04-0307-0427. He admits that "there were several exchanges between staff at the Consulate and Judge Doerty's Chambers" which means that notes, memoranda, or transcripts documenting those exchanges, must exist. I know that other documents exist because I have copies of some of them.

Yours Sincerely,

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British Consulate
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Judge James A. Doerty - Trummel v. Mitchell, et al.

This request for copies of documents includes but is not limited to all correspondence and attachments or appendices during the period 27 February 2002 through 29 February 2004, between and among British Consul (Seattle), British Foreign Office (London), Judge James A. Doerty, or other WA Superior Court officials.

Also, furnish copies of all other "writing" relative to conversations between Judge Doerty, British Consul General, or British Foreign Office officials, US Immigration and Naturalization Service, and other members of the judiciary or consulate officials, that in any way relate to alleged civil, criminal, or other offenses under Washington state law and/or US immigration and/or deportation law.

In addition, furnish an index of all other "writing", also email and records of telephone calls contained in the consulate database during the specified period that refer in any way to Judge Doerty in the captioned case.

I expect to receive copies of the requested documents before 30 March 2004. Neglect to furnish these document copies will result in a request to National Union of Journalists (London) to instruct their lawyers to petition the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for release of them.

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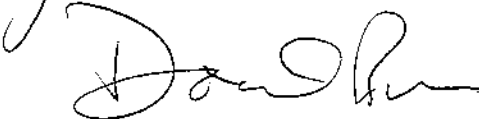
19 March 2004

Mr Paul Trummel


Dear Mr Trummel.

Judge James A Doerty - Trummel v. Mitchel, et al

Thank you for your letter of 7 March. During the period in question, there were several exchanges between staff at the Consulate and Judge Doerty's Chambers. However, these were all verbal in nature and no written document of the type you request exists on this subject.

Yours sincerely,


David Broom
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